

**For:** Louisiana State and County Offices

**2003 Crop Year Uniform Reduction Percentage and Proportionate Share**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



## 1 Overview

### A Background

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the Act) provides for establishing sugarcane base acreage for a farm, and implementing proportionate shares, if applicable, in States with more than 250 sugarcane producers. Louisiana is the only State with more than 250 sugarcane producers.

When the quantity of sugarcane produced will be in excess of the quantity needed to enable processors to fill the State cane sugar allotment for the year and provide a normal carryover inventory, a proportionate share of the Sugarcane Acreage Base for each sugarcane producing farm shall be established which shall limit the acreage of sugarcane that may be harvested on the farm for sugar and seed during the crop year the allotment is in effect.

On September 30, 2003, USDA announced the cane and beet sugar marketing allotments and company allocations for the 2003 crop (FY 2004). In addition, a uniform reduction percentage of 84.2 percent was announced. Accordingly, proportionate shares relative to the acreage of sugarcane that may be harvested in Louisiana for sugar or seed for the 2003 crop year has been calculated at 84.2 percent of each farm's sugarcane acreage base.

### B Purpose

This notice:

- announces the 2003 sugarcane crop year uniform reduction percentage to be used to determine a proportionate share for each sugarcane producing farm in Louisiana
- provides instructions for County Offices to print and mail proportionate share notification letters.

Disposal Date	Distribution
April 1, 2004	Louisiana State Office; State Office relay to County Offices

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### **1 Overview (Continued)**

#### **C Uniform Reduction Percentage**

The uniform reduction percentage for the 2003 sugarcane crop year (FY 2004) is 84.2 percent.

#### **D Software**

KC-ITSDO will broadcast the 2003 sugarcane crop year uniform reduction percentage to Louisiana on or about October 15, 2003. A forthcoming information bulletin will be provided.

### **2 County Office Action**

#### **A Downloading Uniform Reduction Percentage**

County Offices shall follow the instructions provided in the forthcoming information bulletin to download the uniform reduction percentage and producer notification letter software.

#### **B Calculating Proportionate Shares and Notify Producers**

Once the uniform reduction percentage software has been downloaded according to subparagraph A, each applicable farm's proportionate share shall be calculated by the automated system when County Office accesses the proportionate share notification letter software.

County Offices shall:

- access the proportionate share notification letter software and print the applicable producer notification letters according to 2-PAS, subparagraph 82 C
- notify applicable producers according to 2-PAS, subparagraph 82 B.

### **3 State Office Action**

#### **A Ensuring Producers are Notified**

Louisiana State Office shall ensure all applicable sugarcane producers are notified of the 2003 sugarcane crop year (FY 2004) uniform reduction percentage and their farm's proportionate share according to this notice and 2-PAS.